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CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL NAMES SIX MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel hereby appoints six members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission's rules.¹ Each appointee was nominated in response to two Public Notices issued earlier this year soliciting nominations for the Board position listed below,² including a Public Notice seeking nominations for the newly created Tribal board member position.³ The three-year term for these positions begins on January 1, 2024.

Chairwoman Rosenworcel appoints the following individuals to the USAC Board of Directors:

- Mona L. Thompson, General Manager of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority as the Representative for Tribal communities;
- Sheba Chacko, Chief Regulatory Counsel, British Telecoms in the Americas as the Representative for competitive local exchange carriers;
- Kara Semmler, General Counsel and Executive Director, South Dakota Telecommunications Association as the Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (non-Bell Operating Companies) with \$40 million or less in annual revenue;
- Angela Siefer, Executive Director, National Digital Inclusion Alliance as the Representative for low-income consumers;
- Joan H. Wade, Ed.D., Executive Director, Association of Educational Service Agencies as the Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules; and
- Katherine Hsu Wibberly, Ph.D., Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center as the Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive supported services pursuant to section 54.601 of the Commission's rules.

¹ 47 CFR § 54.703(c)(3).

² See *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, DA 23-753 (WCB 2023).

³ *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Tribal Board Member Position on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, DA 23-903 (WCB 2023).

The Commission did not receive any nominations for the director representing interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less. Therefore, pursuant to section 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules and USAC Bylaws, the incumbent in that position, Michael Skrivan, will continue to serve on the Board of Directors until a replacement is selected.⁴ The Commission will seek nominations for this position in 2024.

The USAC Board of Directors will hold its next meetings on January 29 and 30, 2024.⁵ All Board of Directors quarterly meetings are open to the public.⁶ For further information, please contact Sherry Ross (Sherry.Ross@fcc.gov), Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1529.

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⁴ See 47 CFR § 54.703, in which the Commission establishes USAC's board. See also USAC Bylaws, <https://www.usac.org/wp-content/uploads/about/documents/leadership/usacbylaws.pdf> (last visited Dec. 14, 2023).

⁵ USAC, *About, Leadership, Quarterly*, <https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/> (last visited Dec. 14, 2023).

⁶ 47 CFR § 54.703(e).